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Throughout the week prices were sharply lower on all sizes in all locations. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Demand was very light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample. Breaking stock along with check and undergrade prices were lower. Trading was light as buyers wait for prices to settle. Floor stocks were fully adequate to ample. Schedules are full-time to over-time. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Prices of light type fowl were unchanged. Demand was good with alternative users absorbing many spent fowl while traditional processors reach out and work less than full schedules. Offerings were adequate to short. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 5 to 10 cents, mostly 5 to 8 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged but trending lower. Trade sentiment was weak. Retail demand remained very light to at times moderate. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were readily available for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was light and selective with offerings fully adequate to instances ample. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules were full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54-63	58-60
LARGE	54-62	56-59
MEDIUM	34-40	37-39

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending sharply lower. The market tone remained weak. Demand into all channels was very light to instances moderate. Supplies were readily available to at times ample for immediate requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample and demand was reported as light and unaggressive. Spent hen supplies were noted as adequate to fully adequate for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-78	64-67
LARGE	58-72	63-67
MEDIUM	34-47	39-41

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Aug 06, 2004

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	71.00	67.00	43.00
SOUTHEAST	71.50	69.50	40.00
MIDWEST	68.00	66.50	42.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	79.50	74.50	43.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	72.86	69.63	42.20

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	08-10-04	08-03-04	08-05-03
Large	35-42	46-53	64-68
Medium	15-19	21-25	41-43

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AUGUST 09, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No		So		5-Area	
		Northeast	Cent	So	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.7	21.6	6.5	10.0	10.8	61.6
	Change	0.7	3.1	-1.1	0.1	3.1	11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.0	59.9	11.6	21.9	37.0	150.4
	Change	-0.7	15.8	-0.7	-1.4	3.2	12%
Large	Curr Wk	44.9	131.6	68.2	97.5	97.7	439.9
	Change	0.0	28.0	8.0	-0.3	-14.6	5%
Medium	Curr Wk	20.8	43.9	17.6	30.6	36.4	149.3
	Change	1.2	1.9	2.3	-0.6	-1.2	2%
Small	Curr Wk	7.9	5.1	2.9	9.0	8.2	33.1
	Change	-2.3	0.2	1.2	0.2	-1.5	-6%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.4	26.1	7.6	15.3	6.1	60.5
	Change	0.0	4.0	-1.5	0.3	0.8	6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.4	53.6	20.6	36.0	30.1	161.7
	Change	1.8	6.1	-1.6	6.8	0.9	9%
Total	Curr Wk	133.1	341.8	135.0	220.3	226.3	1056.5
Percent	Change	1%	21%	5%	2%	-4%	6%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1056.5	6%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	280.0	-1%	35
Total Shell Egg	1336.5	5%	206

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 07-AUG-04

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)						
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,296,088	30,676	12,282	6,334	2,508	4,581
PW	1,267,144	30,660	11,871	6,195	2,722	4,310
LY	1,219,067	29,564	11,171	6,160	2,695	4,362
% CHG PWK	2	0	3	2	-8	6
% CHG LY	6	4	10	3	-7	5
2004	37,828,797	898,327	362,963	198,434	86,101	129,848
2003	35,593,527	867,357	324,881	178,074	72,311	129,144
% CHANGE YTD	6	4	12	11	19	1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.57	41.85	42.05
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.03	38.45	38.47

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	JUL 31	AUG 7	JUL 31	AUG 7
	Thousand			
AL	30,505	30,390	21,781	21,273
AR	31,944	31,552	*24,993	25,388
DE	3,719	3,747	5,172	5,056
FL	1,355	1,349	1,419	1,447
GA	34,307	34,336	*25,624	27,013
KY	7,280	7,326	*6,249	5,835
LA	3,914	3,923	3,733	3,625
MD	8,908	8,895	5,375	5,998
MS	19,839	19,831	*17,064	16,978
NC	*18,383	17,962	*14,887	14,982
OK	*6,890	6,767	4,880	4,934
PA	4,115	3,672	*2,846	2,946
SC	3,828	3,978	3,150	4,606
TX	*15,353	15,512	*12,719	12,871
VA	6,655	6,665	5,638	5,256
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,326	17,549	*15,625	16,163
19 State Total	*214,321	213,454	*171,155	174,371
Previous Year Total	206,636	206,725	167,589	170,090
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	103	102	103

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 18-Sep-04 is estimated at 159.1 million head. This compares to 159.0 million head the previous week and to 158.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 157.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 64.27 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/05/04-08/11/04

CURRENT LDS 113.75 FUTURE LDS 50.50 TOTAL LDS 164.25

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	41.33	46.00	41.00	42.80	—	—	7.00
GNR BR 1	—	48.50	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	57.00	65.25	60.40	—	8.25
GL W XL	42.00	48.00	50.31	52.24	40.04	43.57	58.25
GL W LG	—	—	32.00	33.00	37.86	—	24.75
GL W MD	33.00	—	25.77	27.27	23.42	26.45	20.25
GL W SM	26.95	28.65	25.67	28.00	—	—	8.00
NRBS - 48	31.00	—	32.00	33.00	30.94	35.03	50.25
NRBS - 45	—	—	31.00	32.00	25.50	28.25	11.75
NRBS - 39	—	24.00	26.33	28.00	21.67	—	6.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 07-AUG-04

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS		PW	PCT CHG	
				PW	LY
Atlanta	25.5	26.7		-4	21
Boston	3.5	3.6		-3	6
Chicago	58.4	59.7		-2	-12
Detroit	23.8	35.8		-34	-9
Kansas City	4.0	4.0		0	-2
Los Angeles	88.4	87.4		1	-12
New Orleans	8.2	9.0		-9	-25
New York	27.6	28.8		-4	-12
St. Louis	22.6	16.6		36	23
San Francisco	19.4	19.4		0	-10
Total	281.4	291.0		-3	-7
4 Week Moving Avg.	290.2				

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 07-AUG-04

	YOUNG HENS		YOUNG TOMS		OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL TURKEYS
	THOUSANDS		THOUSANDS			
Head	1,808	2,754	47	15		4,624
Avg Wt	15.75	34.05	23.30	24.25		26.75
Last week	1,901	2,672	83	4		4,660
Same wk yr ago	1,842	2,726	94	13		4,675
Avg Wt	16.22	35.23	24.14	25.69		27.49
To-date/2004	53,630	78,519	1,487	215		133,851
To-date/2003	57,648	84,655	1,968	453		144,724

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 07-AUG-04 (Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	LIVE WT	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
North East	874	6	17.13	(A)	877	17.13
South Atlantic	800	2	29.84	(A)	803	29.84
North Central	2,136	-1	31.28	(A)	2,139	31.28
South Central	471	-9	20.07	(A)	474	20.07
West	328	-11	25.11	(A)	331	25.11
U.S. total	4,609 (B)	-1	26.75	15	4,624	26.75
To-date						
2004	133,636 (B)				215	133,851
To-date						
2003	144,271 (B)				453	144,724

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 47,000 for the current year to date 1,487,000; for last year to date 1,968,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 07-Aug-04

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	159,603	1,324	1,407	2,731	457
Avg Wt	5.32	3.35	7.86	5.67	6.40
Last week	161,732	1,395	1,450	2,845	470
Same wk yr ago	160,883	1,044	1,471	2,515	430
Avg Wt	5.26	3.59	7.89	6.11	6.19
To-date/2004	4,821,988	41,829	40,756	82,585	14,414
To-date/2003	4,760,450	48,284	42,950	91,234	12,940

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.5 million head, or 3.3 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 14-Aug-04

CLASS	Current Week 08/14/04(1)	Previous Week 08/07/04
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	167,828(2)	164,904
Light hens	1,433	1,460
Heavy hens	1,506	1,577
Total	170,767	167,941

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Aug-04 is 165.1 million head compared to 163.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.2 million head or 3.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 21-Aug-04 the estimated available is 165.5 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
July	3	162.8	164.2	99%
	10	147.8	164.0	90%
	17	163.0	165.2	99%
	24	163.2	167.1	98%
	31	163.7	166.4	98%
August	7	161.5	164.8	98%
Year to date	4880.6	4976.3	98%	
August	14	165.1		
	21	165.5		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 08/09/04-08/13/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD	AVG
Chicago	66.00-69.00		70.85	44	73.28	75
Los Angeles	86.00		84.29	59	81.01	120
New York	69.00-72.00		70.87	23	72.71	51

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
9-Aug-04	2-Aug-04	2-Aug-04	11-Aug-03
75.97	-2.11	78.08	63.10

Number of loads 570

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES,
COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER
LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	72-73	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	72-73	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72-73	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)
SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 08/09/04	3,315	182,053	57,344
AM 08/01/04	3,334	197,542	54,909
CHG	-19	-15489	2435
PCT CHG	-1%	-8%	4%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 09-Aug-04

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6.25-15 CENTS/LB.	9.5-10.75	10.61
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6-13.5 CENTS/LB.	9.25-10.75	10.63
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading			

LIGHT TYPE 06-August-04 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

REMOVAL COST

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-12	9-10.5
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	5-10	5-8

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 07-August-04
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

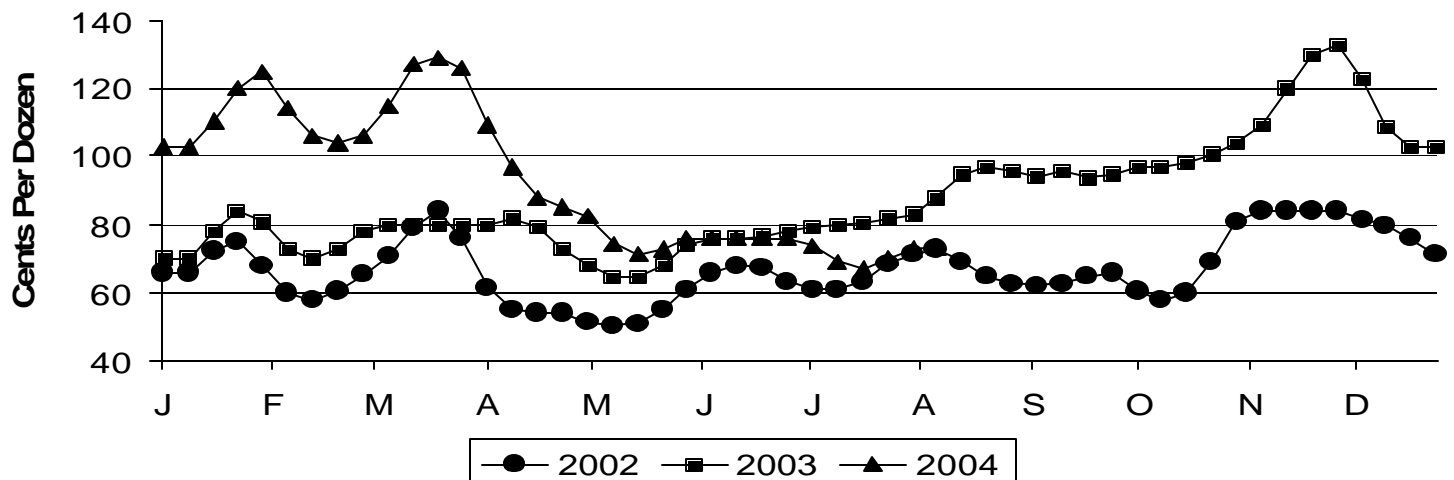
REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
North Atlantic	227.7	0	10
East North Central	572.2	1	4
West North Central	268.9	-1	-9
South Atlantic	215.8	2	3
South Central	69.8	6	3
West	187.1	1	-4
Total	1541.5	1	1

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING PREVIOUS WEEK 85
LAST YEAR 85

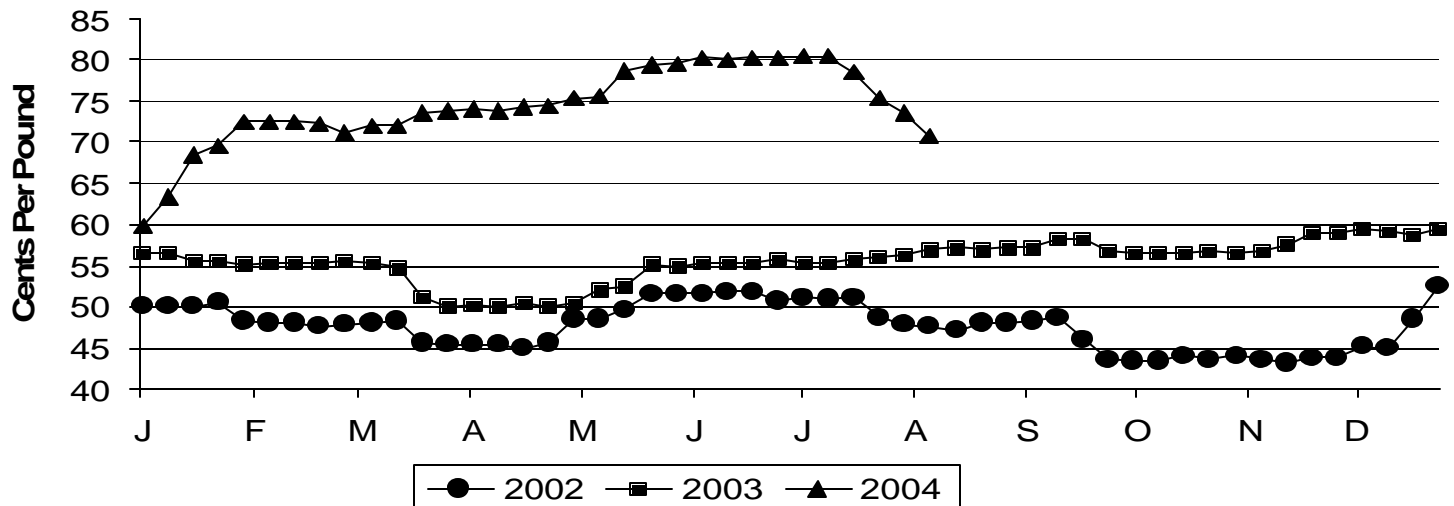
Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN)
West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)
South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

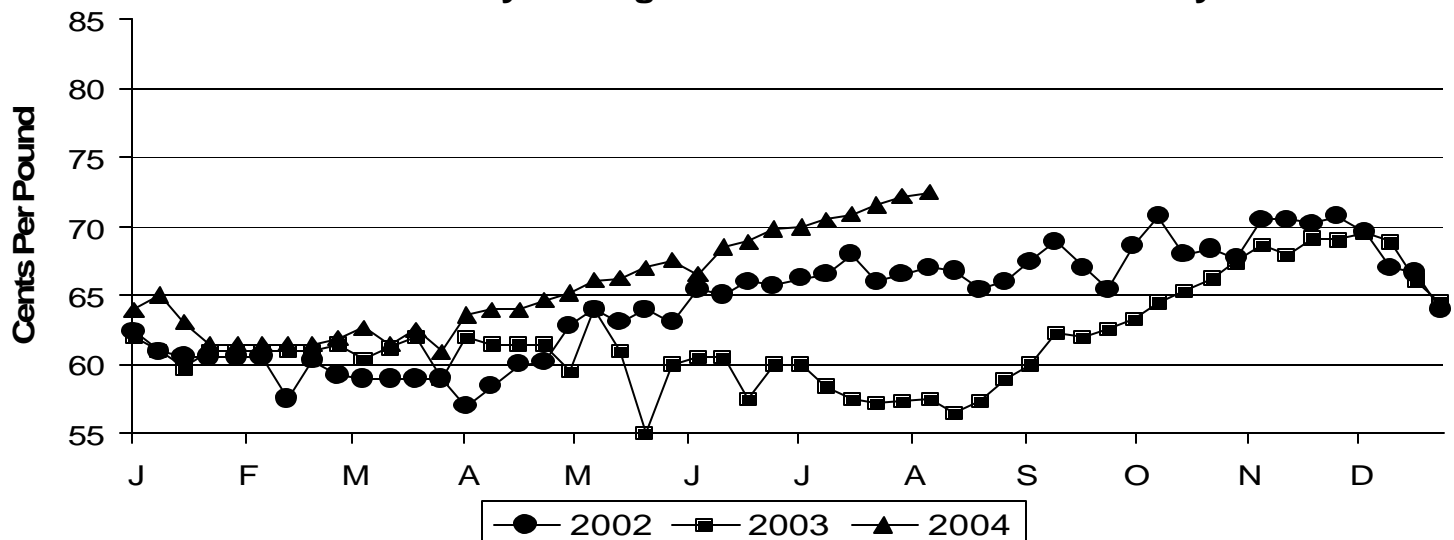
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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